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Transmittal #55 CHAMPVA Policy Manual

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1. Explanation of changes and related index updates of the CHAMPVA Policy Manual and filing instructions are in the following summary:

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<u>Master Table of Contents</u> . Removes Chapter 2, Section 28.2, Diagnostic Sleep Studies policy.	MTOC	1-18	MTOC	1-18
<u>Chapter 2, Table of Contents</u> . Removes Chapter 2, Section 28.2, Diagnostic Sleep Studies policy.	TOC-2	1-13	TOC-2	1-13
<u>Chapter 2, Section 2.3</u> , <i>Prophylactic Mastectomy</i> . Add breast ductal lavage services to detect cancer as a non-covered service under Exclusions.	2-2.3	1-2	2-2.3	1-2
<u>Chapter 2, Section 4.1</u> , <i>Cardiovascular System</i> . Removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; amends CPT codes; and under Policy Considerations clarifies coverage for external counterpulsation (ECP) and enhanced external counterpulsation (EECP) services for chronic stable angina.	2-4.1	1-5	2-4.1	1-5
<u>Chapter 2, Section 5.6</u> , <i>Surgery For Tongue-Tie (Ankyloglossia)</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority reference; removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; and removes Policy Considerations.	2-5.6	1	2-5.6	1

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<u>Chapter 2, Section 18.7</u> , <i>Specific Learning Disorders</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority reference; removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; clarifies Description for a specific learning disability; and adds a description for dyslexia and aphasia.	2-18.7	1-2	2-18.7	1-2
<u>Chapter 2, Section 26.7</u> , <i>Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)/Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA)/Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS)</i> . Corrects policy title for hyperlink reference.	2-26.7	1-5	2-26.7	1-5
<u>Chapter 2, Section 26.12</u> , <i>Therapeutic Embolization</i> . Removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; amends code range; and adds March 2003 as the last review date for transcatheter hepatic arterial embolization under Exclusions.	2-26.12	1-2	2-26.12	1-2
<u>Chapter 2, Section 28.2</u> . Removes the “Diagnostic Sleep Studies” policy.	2-28.2	1-3		
<u>Chapter 2, Section 30.4</u> , <i>Nutrition Therapies</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority reference; removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; adds under Policy that special amino acid modified nutrient preparations for beneficiaries with inborn errors of metabolism are covered on the same basis as insulin for diabetic patients when a prescription is not required; and corrects policy title for hyperlink reference under Exclusions.	2-30.4	1-4	2-30.4	1-4
<u>Chapter 2, Section 33.1</u> , <i>Urinary System</i> . Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority reference; removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; and adds under Policy Considerations that Interstim® Continence Control Therapy for the treatment of urinary urge incontinence in patients who have failed or could not tolerate more conservative treatments is a covered benefit.	2-33.1	1-4	2-33.1	1-4

SUMMARY

Codes Index. Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in policies.

Subject Index. Amended to update and include policies referenced in this transmittal.

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2. File this transmittal memorandum in the front of the CHAMPVA Policy Manual.

Susan Schmetzer
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